Methodology for the installation of projects under the comprehensive policy for grid-connected power projects based on New and Renewable (Non-conventional) Energy sources - 2015.

Government of Maharashtra

Industries, Energy and Labour Department

Government Resolution No.: Apau -2015/pra.kra.49/part- 8/Eng-7

Madam Cama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032,
Dated : 9th Septmber, 2015

Read -

1) **Government Resolution No.:** Industries, Energy and Labour Department, Government Resolution No. Apau-2007/C.R.693/energy-7, dated 14th Octomber 2008.
2) **Government Resolution No.:** . Industries, Energy and Labour Department, Government Resolution No. Apau-2010/C.R.134/energy-7, dated 14th July, 2010.
3) **Government Resolution No.:** Industries, Energy and Labour Department, Government Resolution No. Apau-2014/C.R.144/energy-7, dated 30th August, 2014.
4) **Government Resolution No.:** Industries, Energy and Labour Department, Government Resolution No. Apau-2015/C.R.49/energy-7, dated 20th July, 2015.

Preamble:-

In view of the paramount importance of power generation from the new and renewable energy sources, the Government of Maharashtra has declared a comprehensive policy for grid connected renewable energy projects vide GR no. Apau-2015/pra.kra.49/energy-7, dated 20th July 2015.

Resolution:-

1. The source wise methodology for the policy dated 20th July, 2015 is now being laid down by way of this Government Resolution in Annexures A, B, C, D, E and F.

2. For registration of projects mentioned in Annexures A, B, C, D, E and F recommendations for grid connectivity and benefits in accordance with the policy the project holder / project developer should contact MEDA, Pune.

3. For grid connectivity consent/ permission the project holder / project developer should contact the office of MSETCL Mumbai & MSEDCL Mumbai.

4. There will be a separate open access regulation for the New and Renewable power projects to be declared by Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission to ensure installation of such projects on a large scale.

The prescribed formats in respect of applications for the power project proposals will be available at the website of MEDA: www.mahaurja.com.

This resolution of Government of Maharashtra is being made available at the website www.maharashtra.gov.in and reference no. is 201509141718065010. This order has been digitally signed.

By order and in the name of Governor of Maharashtra

Rohini Prabhakar Jadhav

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Annexure – A

Methodology for Wind Power Projects

This methodology is applicable to the wind power projects included in the composite policy for new and renewable (non-conventional energy sources) power projects dated 20th July 2015. The policy prescribes a target of 5000 MW in respect of wind power projects.

1. The policy dated 20th July 2015 shall be applicable to all wind energy projects developed at locations declared by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy / National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), Chennai and / or at locations where wind monitoring is done by private developers and data is certified by National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE).

The proposals for projects which are in accordance with the guidelines / rules of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy / National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), Chennai, shall only be accepted. The changes, if any, in future in the Guidelines / Rules / Regulations of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy / National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), Chennai, from time to time, shall be applicable to the installation of wind power projects in the state.

2. This methodology will be applicable to all the wind power projects set up after commissioning of 2000 MW of wind power projects under the earlier Government of Maharashtra policy dated 14th October 2008.

3. The following guidelines will be applicable for issuance of grid connectivity consent / permission to the wind power projects.

3.1 It will be necessary for the project developer to submit application for grid connectivity in the prescribed format to MEDA. The application should include, along with other details, details about the project capacity, project site location, details of nearest MSEDCL/MSETCL sub-station etc.

3.2 There will be a preliminary scrutiny of the application by MEDA office, subsequent to which the developer and MSETCL/MSEDCL will be informed for the purpose of technical feasibility report. MSETCL/MSEDCL shall prepare the technical feasibility report and furnish its copy to MEDA.

3.3 On receipt of the technical feasibility report, MEDA will verify its conformity with the wind power generation area, and make recommendation to MSETCL/MSEDCL for grid connectivity.

3.4 The application for grid connectivity by the project developer will be scrutinised by the Committee for grid connectivity constituted by MSETCL in which thorough consultation will be done.

The decision for the issuance of grid connectivity to the project will be taken by the Committee for grid connectivity constituted by MSETCL. It will be done as per the terms of reference and mechanism laid down for the Committee. Before issuance of grid connectivity, the Committee will take review of earlier grid connectivity approvals. After review, if it is found that the progress of the project is not satisfactory, the Committee will first cancel the grid connectivity permission given to such projects. Permission / approval for new grid connectivity shall be given by MSETCL/MSEDCL as per the decision of the Committee and as per their prescribed methodology.

Commitment fee (Grid connectivity from MSETCL / MSEDCL)

3.5 The project developer will be required to deposit Rs. 1 Lakh per MW in the form of Demand Draft as commitment fee (refundable) to MSETCL/MSEDCL for timely transmission of power from the project to the substation. The amount shall be paid in the name of Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. / Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd., as the case may be, in form of demand draft payable at Mumbai.

3.6 After getting grid connectivity permission, the project developer will be required to set up the evacuation arrangement within the time limit given by MSETCL/MSEDCL. The project developer / project holders shall set up evacuation arrangement according to the technical specifications of MSETCL/MSEDCL and as per their approval and supervision. No supervision charges will be taken by MSETCL/MSEDCL for this purpose. MSETCL/MSEDCL shall refund the commitment fee (without interest) to those project developers / project holders who will complete and commission their evacuation arrangement within the given time limit.

3.7 If the evacuation arrangement is not completed or no progress is shown within the given time limit as per the methodology of MSETCL/MSEDCL, then the grid connectivity permission given to the said project will be cancelled and the commitment fee will be forfeited by MSETCL/MSEDCL.

3.8 If the evacuation arrangement for grid connectivity is not getting completed within the given time frame or if there is some progress made in respect of the evacuation arrangement; and there is a request from the project developer, a review will be taken regarding the progress made and extension of time limit to such projects can be considered. Such a review will be taken by the Committee for grid connectivity and appropriate decision for extension will be taken by it. MSETCL/MSEDCL shall charge fee for such extension. The information about the charges prescribed by MSETCL/MSEDCL for extension of time limit will be put on the website.

3.9 It will be necessary for the project developer to install ABT meter with telecommunication facility inside the pooling station for availability based rate mechanism. Moreover, it will be mandatory to inform SLDC about the electricity generation through real time visibility RTU-DC, V-SAT.

3.10 For establishment of the evacuation arrangement and grid connectivity, the relevant MERC Order/Regulation will be applicable. MSETCL/MSEDCL will ensure conformity with such Order / Regulation.

4. The Wind Turbine Generators which are mentioned in the approved list of wind generators maintained by National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), Chennai as per the policy of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, shall only be allowed to be installed under this policy.

5. Wind power projects on forest land -

For the development of wind power projects on forest land under the Forest Conservation Act 1980, MEDA will verify that the proposed wind power project on forest land is falling under the windy sites certified by National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), Chennai and only then a suitability certificate to the extent of verification of wind power density will be issued.

6. The wind power project developer is required to be registered with MEDA for installation of the wind power projects under this policy as the 'project developer'

7. Registration of Wind Power Projects -

The wind power projects to be set up under this policy will be required to be registered with Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA). The wind power projects will be eligible to execute power purchase agreement or to seek open access approval or to sell energy through Renewable Energy Certificates only upon obtaining project registration from MEDA. The project registration will be granted upto the limit of the target of 5000 MW prescribed under this policy.

7.1 . The mode / route for sale of power generated from the wind power project shall be mentioned in the application for registration. The Project Registration will be done according to it.

7.2 After receipt of proposal from the project developer / project holder with necessary documents and the requisite fee for getting project registration, the proposal will be scrutinised by MEDA office. Accordingly, if all necessary documents are received and the proposal is complete in all respects, the project registration will be done by MEDA office after approval from the Hon. Chairman, MEDA .

7.3 Project Registration fee and other fees-

The project developer will be required to submit registration fee of Rs. 3 lakh per MW, commitment fee of Rs. 5 lakh per MW (refundable) and road repairs charges of Rs. 2 lakh per MW in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA); payable at Pune. For project registration the application form prescribed by MEDA should be furnished along with the requisite fee in the form of demand draft. The complete documents as per annexure attached hereto shall be furnished along with the proposal.

7.3.1 The wind power project developers / project holders who have paid fees for obtaining infrastructure clearance as per Government Resolution dated 14-10-2008 and the prevalent methodology will not be required to pay the fees again for project registration under this methodology for the same project.

7.4 It is necessary for all the wind power projects set up after commissioning of 2000 MW as per Government Resolution dated 14-10-2008, to be registered with MEDA under this policy.

8. The project developers / project holders are required to deposit commitment fee of Rs 5 lakh per MW (refundable) to MEDA. It is necessary to commission the wind power project within a period of nine months from the date of registration of the project. The commitment fee of the project which is not commissioned within nine months will be forfeited. The commitment fee will be refunded to the project developer / project holder without any interest thereon, after submission of commissioning report issued by MSEDCL.

9. The project developers shall fulfil all legal and statutory requirements before and after implementing the wind power project. Further it shall be necessary for them to get approvals, consent and no-objection certificates for the project directly from the respective departments and to abide by the rules and regulations of such departments. The entire responsibility in this context will be that of the project developers. The project developers / project holders will have to submit undertaking / undertakings, as prescribed by MEDA, to this effect. MEDA will accord cooperation to the project developers / project holders in this context.

10. A separate methodology will be formulated by MEDA for commissioning of the wind power projects which have obtained infrastructure clearance after commissioning of 2000 MW target under the policy dated 14th October 2008, but which are not yet commissioned. The details of this first stage methodology will be communicated to MSEDCL / MSETCL for appropriate action. Accordingly, the projects which are recommended for commissioning and / or for which commissioning clearance is issued will be commissioned by MSEDCL.

11. The policy declared by Government of Maharashtra on 20th July 2015 lays down that 1500 MW of wind power projects will be commissioned for fulfilment of Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO). For this purpose, the projects commissioned after the achievement of 2000 MW capacity under the previous policy and the projects commissioned in the first stage as per the point no. 10 above, will be first taken into account. The following methodology will be adopted for getting the wind power projects commissioned under the scope available in respect of the remaining capacity.

11.1 In this second stage, the project proposals received first by MEDA and found to be complete in all respects first by MEDA will be taken up for consideration. MEDA will issue recommendation for the issuance of Permission to Commission (PTC) to MSEDCL for the projects which fulfil the following criteria and which secure all 16 marks as per the system of award of marks as given below.

System of award of marks:- Marks will be awarded upon verification as per the following criteria.

A. All documents complete and fees deposited, as per this methodology : 4 marks
B. Project / erection of WTG complete : 4 marks
C. Evacuation system from WTG to pooling station complete, and pooling station functional : 4 marks
D. EHV line from pooling station to MSETCL EHV substation complete : 4 marks

For ensuring the fulfilment of the above criteria, the representatives of MSEDCL, MSETCL, MEDA and the project developer / project holder will jointly inspect the project site. The joint inspection team will allot marks for the criteria B, C and D. The projects which secure 16 marks will be recommended for issuance of Permission to Commissioning (PTC). MEDA will

issue clearance for commissioning after receipt of PTC from MSEDCL. Accordingly, MSEDCL will commission the projects.

11.2 After completion of the second stage as mentioned above, the projects which could not get commissioned in the first stage as per the methodology at point no. 10, will be again considered for commissioning under the third stage. The same system of award of marks will be applied for commissioning of projects under this third stage. This system of award of marks will be applied in this manner until the entire 1500 MW capacity gets commissioned.

12. The projects commissioned as per point no. 10 and 11 above, and in various stages, will have to be registered.

13. The projects registered with MEDA under this policy dated 20th July 2015, will be eligible for incentives and exemptions. This aspect will be mentioned in the registration letter to be given to the project.

14. The project developer / project holder should connect their project to the grid with the consent / permission from MSEDCL / MSETCL and commission the project. After commissioning of the project, the commissioning report from the distribution licensee should be submitted to MEDA. This report should contain the unique number given by MEDA and information about feeder to which project is connected.

15. The project developer shall submit a copy of the power purchase agreement / open access approval of MSETCL/MSEDCL to MEDA office soon after it is executed / obtained by them.

15.1 MSEDCL should ensure that registration is being done of projects which are commissioned. Registration should also be ensured by MSEDCL in respect of those projects for which power purchase agreement is executed after the achievement of 2000 MW target under the policy dated 14th October 2008.

15.2 It shall be necessary for the project developers/project holders to submit yearly (financial year-wise) electricity generation report, duly certified by SLDC, to MEDA.

16. If the wind power project is not commissioned within nine months from the date of issue of registration letter and there are proper and justifiable reasons, and the proposal is submitted with reasons for delay before due date of expiry of registration then, after verifying the reasons, extension may be issued by MEDA.

16.1 Extension fee:-

A maximum of 12 months extension will be given in two stages after the expiry of the period given in the letter of registration. In the first stage, six months extension will be given after reviewing progress of the project by MEDA, charging extension fee of Rs. 1 lakh per MW. If second stage extension is required, a review of the progress will be done and after charging fee of Rs 2 lakh per MW, the extension will be issued by MEDA.

The extension fee shall be deposited in advance. If the projects are not commissioned within the extension period of 12 months, then the commitment fee will be forfeited.

17. The matters relating to change of location, capacity, name, amendment in the letter of registration, NOC for transfer of ownership etc. will be dealt with in accordance with the methodology to be prescribed by MEDA.

18. Road repairs –

The provisions of GR No. Apau-2013/Pra. Kra 121/ Urja-7 dated 21.08.2013 in respect of road repairs will be applicable to the projects installed under this policy.

19. The village and other district roads in the wind power project area which are damaged due to the movement of heavy machinery will be considered for restoration or repair work. The administrative approval will be accorded by MEDA after recommendation of the state level road repairs committee for inclusion of village and other district roads for restoration or repair work, and the Public Works Department will execute the said work.

19.1 If the project developers / project holders use the existing roads under the Public Works Department / Zilla Parishad other than the roads mentioned in point no. 19 above, for transport of machinery; and if restoration / repairs of these roads is required, then such work shall be executed by the project developers / project holders at their own cost. However, it will be necessary to obtain permission from the Public Works Department / Zilla Parishad for executing such work.

20. Re powering of projects –

For optimal utilization of the wind power potential at project sites where small and old wind turbines are installed under the earlier policies, the new wind turbines with latest technology and higher capacity can be installed. The guidelines of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) will be applicable for such projects. it is necessary to register such projects with MEDA.

21. While implementing the wind power projects if any provisions under this methodology are violated by the project developer / project holder or any new issues emerge or are noticed, MEDA will take appropriate decision on the matters which are not included in this methodology.

22. The fees prescribed for various stages under this methodology shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft, which should drawn on Maharashtra Energy Development Agency payable at Pune.

Annexure – I

Documents required to be furnished along with application to MEDA

a) Technical information of wind electric generator, power curve, Type test certificate from recognised / approved national / international institute.

b) A copy of grid connectivity permission issued by MSEDCL / MSETCL.

c) Documents pertaining to land ownership in respect of wind power project (registered sale deed / registered land lease agreement of minimum 30 years and 7/12 Extract). If the project is on forest land as per guidelines of the Central Government then land lease agreement with forest department)

d) Documents pertaining to land ownership in respect of wind power project (registered sale deed / registered land lease agreement of minimum 30 years and 7/12 Extract). If the project is on forest land as per guidelines of the Central Government then land lease agreement with forest department)

e) No objection certificate for installation of wind power project from local body (e.g. grampanchayat). The project developer / project holder should submit application to the local body for installation of wind power project. The local body is required to issue no objection certificate within 30 days. If NOC is not issued within 30 days from the date of application by the local body then it will be presumed it that does not have any objection.

f) Notarised undertaking/s prescribed by MEDA.

Annexure – B

Methodology for Bagasse/Agro-waste based Cogeneration Power Projects

This methodology is applicable to the bagasse / agro-waste based cogeneration power projects included in the composite policy for new and renewable (non-conventional energy sources) power projects dated 20th July 2015. The policy prescribes a target of 1000 MW in respect of bagasse / agro-waste based cogeneration power projects.

The sugar factories going in for cogeneration power projects, under the new RE policy, will be eligible to avail policy benefits if 45% and above topping cycle efficiency is achieved, as declared by the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Grid Connectivity Recommendation –

1. The project developer is required to furnish the following documents to obtain grid connectivity for bagasse/agro-waste based cogeneration power projects from MSETCL/MSEDCL. After scrutiny, MEDA office will issue grid connectivity recommendation letter to the project developer. For this, the following documents should be submitted to MEDA office –

   a) Information about the project in the application form as prescribed by MEDA. Information of respective MSETCL/MSEDCL electrical sub-station where the energy from project is going to be wheeled.
   b) Information on availability of sugarcane for crushing in the factory functional area, as certified by the competent authority.
   c) Single Line Diagram (SLD) of electrical sub-station, certified by the MSETCL/MSEDCL.
   d) Detailed Project Report (DPR).

2. Infrastructure Clearance –

   After receipt of grid connectivity consent / permission from MSETCL / MSEDCL in respect of cogeneration power project, the project developer shall furnish the following documents, duly attested, to MEDA for obtaining basic infrastructure clearance

   a) Resolution of the Board of Directors for developing cogeneration power project
   b) Grid connectivity consent / permission received from MSETCL/MSEDCL
   c) No-objection certificate from the Commissionerate of Sugar (excluding private factories)
   d) Documents in respect of land ownership e.g. registered sale deed and 7/12 extract
   e) Notarized undertaking/s as prescribed by MEDA

2.1 Infrastructure Clearance fee –

The project developer/project holder shall pay a sum of Rs. 1 lakh per MW (as per installed capacity) as Infrastructure Clearance fee to MEDA. The demand draft should be in the name of Maharashtra Energy Development Agency payable at Pune.

After receipt of proposal with necessary documents and the requisite fee for getting Infrastructure Clearance from the project developer / project holder for the cogeneration power project, the proposal will be scrutinised by MEDA office.

Accordingly if all necessary documents are received and the proposal is complete in all respects, the Infrastructure Clearance will be issued to the project developer by MEDA office after approval from the Hon. Chairman, MEDA.

2.2 The provisions of the methodology dated 14-07-2010 will be applicable to the cogeneration power projects which have obtained Infrastructure Clearance as per renewable energy policy dated 14.10.2008 and 30.08.2014. It is not necessary for such projects to obtain Infrastructure Clearance again under this policy.

3. Bagasse/agro-waste based cogeneration power projects will be eligible to sign power purchase agreement or to seek open access approval or to sell energy through Renewable Energy Certificates only upon obtaining Infrastructure Clearance from MEDA. The Infrastructure Clearance will be given upto the limit of the target of 1000 MW prescribed under this policy.

4. The project developer shall submit a copy of the power purchase agreement / open access approval of MSETCL/MSEDCL to MEDA office soon after it is executed / obtained by them.

5. The project developers shall fulfil all legal and statutory requirements before and after implementing the bagasse/agro-waste based cogeneration power project. Further it shall be necessary for them to get approvals, consent and no-objection certificates for the project directly from the respective departments and to abide by the rules and regulations of such departments. The entire responsibility in this context will be that of the project developers. The project developers / project holders will have to submit undertaking / undertakings, as prescribed by MEDA, to this effect.

6. The sugar factories are expected to use bagasse and cane trash from the farms of shareholder farmers and not any other agro waste (biomass) as fuel in the project.

7. Other fees / charges –

The project developers / project holders shall submit separate applications to MEDA in respect of any matter other than Infrastructure Clearance, for example, change in project name / ownership, etc. MEDA will process such applications. The processing fee of Rs. 25,000/- per project shall be deposited with MEDA, in the form of a Demand Draft.

8. Commissioning of Projects –

The project developers / project holders shall submit the project commissioning certificate of the respective distribution licensee to MEDA. A note will be taken in MEDA office records of the commissioning of the project

9. It shall be necessary for the project developers/project holders to submit yearly (financial year-wise) electricity generation report, duly certified by SLDC, to MEDA.

10. It is binding on the project developers / project holders to obtain Infrastructure Clearance from MEDA in order to get the benefit of 100% exemption from cane purchase tax and to execute Power Purchase Agreement with MSEDCL.

10.1 In order to get cane purchase tax exemption it will be necessary for the project to export to the grid a minimum of 3 MW (35 lakh units) of power and above. The provisions of Government Resolution dated 31st January 2014 will be applicable to the projects under this policy except clause no. 3 (1) related to surplus power to grid.

11. The regulations and orders of Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission will be applicable to the bagasse / agro-waste based cogeneration power projects in respect of the setting of evacuation arrangement & its expenses. The supervision charges for the setting up of evacuation arrangement will not be applicable.

11.1 The evacuation arrangement for the cogeneration power project shall be handed over to MSETCL/MSEDCL in view of grid security.

12. The provisions relating to employment and social responsibility are applicable to the cogeneration power projects under this policy. The project developer / project holder will submit the information on action taken in this regard to the local Gram Panchayat every year (financial year). The compiled information of the district will be submitted every year to MEDA by the concerned Zilla Parishad.

Annexure – C

Methodology for Small Hydro Power Projects

This methodology is applicable to the small hydro power projects included in the composite policy for new and renewable (non-conventional energy sources) power projects dated 20th July 2015. The policy prescribes a target of 400 MW in respect of small hydro power projects.

1. The small hydro power projects are being approved by the Water Resources Department and the policy of that department will also be applicable for these projects.
2. Infrastructure Clearance –

After receipt of grid connectivity consent / permission from MSETCL / MSEDCL in respect of small hydro power project, the project developer shall furnish the following documents, duly attested, to MEDA for obtaining infrastructure clearance –

a) Grid connectivity consent / permission received from MSETCL/MSEDCL
b) Detailed Project Report (DPR)
c) Project approval letter from the respective design office
d) Hydro Power Development Agreement with Water Resource Department
e) Notarized undertaking/commitment letter as prescribed by MEDA

2.1 The Infrastructure Clearance will be given upto the limit of the target of 400 MW prescribed under this policy.

2.2 Infrastructure Clearance fee –

The project developer/project holder shall pay a sum of Rs. 1 lakh per MW (as per installed capacity) as Infrastructure Clearance fee to MEDA. The demand draft should be in the name of Maharashtra Energy Development Agency payable at Pune.

After receipt of proposal with necessary documents and the requisite fee for getting Infrastructure Clearance from the project developer / project holder for the small hydro power project, the proposal will be scrutinised by MEDA office.

Accordingly if all necessary documents are received and the proposal is complete in all respects, the Infrastructure Clearance will be issued to the project developer by MEDA office after approval from the Hon. Chairman, MEDA.

2.3 The provisions of the methodology dated 14-07-2010 will be applicable to the small hydro power projects which have obtained Infrastructure Clearance as per renewable energy policy dated 14.10.2008 and 30.08.2014. It is not necessary for such projects to obtain Infrastructure Clearance again under this policy.

3. Commissioning of Projects –

The project developers / project holders shall submit the project commissioning certificate of the respective distribution licensee to MEDA. A note will be taken in MEDA office records of the commissioning of the project.

4. It shall be necessary for the project developers/project holders to submit yearly (financial year-wise) electricity generation report, duly certified by SLDC, to MEDA.

5. The project developer shall fulfil all legal and statutory requirements before and after implementing the small hydro power project. Further it shall be necessary for them to get approvals, consent and no-objection certificates for the project directly from the respective departments and to abide by the rules and regulations of such departments. The entire responsibility in this context will be that of the project developers. The project developers / project holders will have to submit undertaking / undertakings, as prescribed by MEDA, to this effect.

6. Expenses on evacuation arrangement –

For the purpose of financial assistance for the evacuation arrangement the amount of the estimated cost approved by the MSETCL / MSEDCL and of the certified actual expenditure from MSETCL/MSEDCL, whichever is less, shall be considered, which will be subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project.

6.1 Financial Assistance –

The project developer / project holder, who is expected set up evacuation arrangement at own expense, will be given financial assistance by MEDA from the green cess fund, as per availability, upto a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project, by way of reimbursement. This reimbursement will be given as per availability of funds after the evacuation arrangement is handed over to the respective distribution licensee / transmission company.

7. Capital subsidy –

The small hydro power projects under this policy will be eligible to get capital subsidy of Rs.50,000 per kW, subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project.

7.1 The capital subsidy for the project will be disbursed after the project is commissioned, and the energy wheeled is certified by the respective distribution licensee. The subsidy will be disbursed by MEDA from the green cess fund as per its availability.

8. The provisions relating to employment and social responsibility are applicable to the small hydro power projects under this policy. The project developer / project holder will submit the information on action taken in this regard to the local Gram Panchayat every year (financial year). The compiled information of the district will be submitted every year to MEDA by the concerned Zilla Parishad.

Annexure – D

Methodology for Biomass (Agro-waste) based Power Projects

This methodology is applicable to the biomass (agro-waste) based power projects included in the composite policy for new and renewable (non-conventional energy sources) power projects dated 20th July 2015. There is good potential for power generation from biomass in the state. For long term and sustained supply of fuel to the biomass based power projects it is necessary to assign collection area. The policy prescribes a target of 300 MW in respect of biomass (agro-waste) based power projects. Under this policy, power generation projects on combustion and gassification technology can be developed.

1. For biomass based power projects the collection area is assigned by MEDA. In the assigned and vacant collection areas, projects will be developed by declaring expression of interest.

2. Suitable proposals will be selected with reference to the criteria prescribed by MEDA from among the proposals received through expression of interest. The project developer/project holder selected will be given grid connectivity recommendation for developing project in the assigned collection area. For this purpose, the following documents are required to be furnished.

   a) Information about the project in the application form as prescribed by MEDA. Information of respective MSETCL/MSEDCL electrical sub-station where the energy from the project is going to be wheeled.

   b) Single Line Diagram (SLD) of electrical sub-station, certified by the MSETCL/MSEDCL.

3. Infrastructure Clearance –

After receipt of grid connectivity consent / permission from MSETCL / MSEDCL in respect of biomass (agro-waste) based power project, the project developer shall furnish the following documents, duly attested, to MEDA for obtaining the infrastructure clearance –

a) Grid connectivity consent / permission received from MSETCL/MSEDCL
b) Detailed Project Report (DPR)
c) Documents in respect of land ownership e.g. registered sale deed and 7/12 extract
d) Permission from the Water Resources Department in respect of water availability to the project or certification from GSDA/competent authority regarding sufficiency of water for the project from all available sources of water.
e) Solvency certificate to the extent of 30% of project cost from any nationalized/scheduled bank
f) Notarized undertaking/s as prescribed by MEDA

3.1 The Infrastructure Clearance will be given upto the limit of the target of 300 MW prescribed under this policy.

3.2 Infrastructure Clearance fee –

The project developer/project holder shall pay a sum of Rs. 1 lakh per MW (as per installed capacity) as Infrastructure Clearance fee to MEDA. The demand draft should be in the name of Maharashtra Energy Development Agency payable at Pune.

After receipt of proposal with necessary documents and the requisite fee for getting Infrastructure Clearance from the project developer / project holder for the biomass (agro-waste) based power project, the proposal will be scrutinised by MEDA office.

Accordingly, if all necessary documents are received and the proposal is complete in all respects, the Infrastructure Clearance will be issued to the project developer by MEDA office after approval from the Hon. Chairman, MEDA.

4. In order to ensure sustained availability of agro waste, the biomass collection areas will be assigned to the biomass based power projects. Considering one taluka for 2 to 2.5 MW capacity, the collection area of 3 to 4 talukas will be assigned, as per project capacity, including the taluka in which project is proposed. The agro waste available in this collection area will be used for the project.

5. The capacity of biomass based power project will be limited to maximum 10 MW. However, on the basis of technical feasibility and proper fuel collection mechanism along with assurance from project developer regarding availability of surplus biomass, sanction may be accorded to a project of upto 15 MW capacity by MEDA office after approval from the Hon. Chairman, MEDA.

6. Biomass (agro-waste) based power projects will be eligible to execute power purchase agreement or to seek open access approval or to sell energy through Renewable Energy Certificates only upon obtaining Infrastructure Clearance from MEDA.

7. The project developer shall submit a copy of the power purchase agreement / open access approval of MSETCL/MSEDCL to MEDA office soon after it is executed / obtained by them.

8. For power generation on gassifier based technology good bulk density biomass viz. juliflora, babul and processed biofuel like briquette/pellet can be used. The grid connected gassifier technology power projects will help to improve voltage level in the rural areas. If projects based on this technology are proposed to be developed, its capacity will be limited to 2 MW. For such project a vacant taluka will be assigned as collection area.

8.1 Biomass gassifier based grid connected power project can be developed in the collection area already assigned by MEDA by using integrated approach. In this case the necessary fuel required for the project needs to be collected/procured on sustainable basis from the land owned by the project developer.

9. The project developer shall fulfil all legal and statutory requirements before and after implementing the biomass (agro-waste) based power project. Further it shall be necessary to get approvals, consent and no-objection certificates for the project directly from the respective departments and to abide by the rules and regulations of such departments. The entire responsibility in this context will be that of the project developer. The project developers / project holders will have to submit undertaking / undertakings as prescribed by MEDA to this effect.

10. Other fees / charges –

The project developers / project holders shall submit separate applications to MEDA in respect of any matter other than Infrastructure Clearance, for example, change in project name / ownership etc. MEDA will process such applications. The processing fee of Rs. 25,000/- per project shall be deposited with MEDA, in the form of a Demand Draft.

11. Commissioning of Projects –

The project developers / project holders shall submit the project commissioning certificate of the respective distribution licensee to MEDA. A note will be taken in MEDA office records of the commissioning of the project.

12. It shall be necessary for the project developer/project holder to submit yearly (financial year-wise) electricity generation report duly certified by SLDC, to MEDA.

13. Expenses on evacuation arrangement –

For the purpose of financial assistance for the evacuation arrangement the amount of the estimated cost approved by the MSETCL / MSEDCL and of the certified actual expenditure from MSETCL/MSEDCL, whichever is less, shall be considered, which will be subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 Crore per project.

13.1 Financial Assistance –

The project developer / project holder who is expected to set up evacuation arrangement at own expense, will be given financial assistance by MEDA from the green cess fund, as per availability, upto a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project, by way of reimbursement. This reimbursement will be given as per availability of funds after the evacuation arrangement is handed over to the respective distribution licensee / transmission company

14. Capital subsidy –

Biomass (agro-waste) based power projects under this policy will be eligible to get capital subsidy of Rs.1 crore per project.

14.1 The capital subsidy for the project will be disbursed after the project is commissioned, and after the commissioning of project and energy wheeled is certified by the respective distribution licensee. The subsidy will be disbursed by MEDA from the green cess fund as per its availability.

15. The projects which have got Infrastructure Clearance from MEDA under this new policy and which are commissioned accordingly will be eligible for incentives under this policy.

15.1 The projects which have got Infrastructure Clearance as per policy, vide Govt Resolution dated 14.10.2008 but which are not commissioned, will be required to complete commissioning within 2 years from the declaration of this new policy, to be eligible to get policy benefits under the policy dated 14.10.2008. If the project developer/project holder commissions the projects within 2 years from declaration of this policy it will not be necessary to pay the fee for time extension.

15.2 The project developers / project holders whohave got Infrastructure Clearance before declaration of this new policy but have commissioned their projects without taking time

extension will be given benefits under the policy dated 14.10.2008 presuming that they have taken time extension and no time extension fee will have to be paid by them.

15.3 The projects which have got commissioned but which have not taken Infrastructure Clearance as per policy dated 14.10.2008 and 14.07.2010 will have to seek Infrastructure Clearance under policy dated 14.10.2008 and 14.07.2010 within 6 months from the declaration of this new policy for availing policy benefits. The projects which do not fulfil any of the above criteria will not get any benefits under new as well as old policies.

16. The provisions relating to employment and social responsibility are applicable to the biomass (agro-waste) based power projects under this policy. The project developer / project holder will submit the information on action taken in this regard to the local Gram Panchayat every year (financial year). The compiled information of the district will be submitted every year to MEDA by the concerned Zilla Parishad.

Annexure – E

Methodology for Solar Power Projects

This methodology is applicable to the solar power projects included in the composite policy for new and renewable (non-conventional energy sources) power projects dated 20th July 2015. The policy prescribes a target of 7500 MW in respect of solar power projects.

1. The minimum capacity for solar power projects shall be 1 MW (outside solar park). The approval for grid connectivity will be given in accordance with the following guidelines -

1.1 It will be necessary for the project developer to submit application for grid connectivity recommendation in the prescribed format to MEDA. The application should include, along with other details, details about the project capacity, project site location, details of nearest MSEDCL/MSETCL sub-station etc.

1.2 There will be a preliminary scrutiny of the application by MEDA office, subsequent to which the developer and MSETCL/MSEDCL will be informed for the purpose of technical feasibility report. MSETCL/MSEDCL shall prepare the technical feasibility report and furnish its copy to MEDA.

1.3 On receipt of the technical feasibility report, MEDA will verify its conformity with the solar power generation area, and make recommendation to MSETCL/MSEDCL for grid connectivity.

1.4 The application for grid connectivity by the project developer will be scrutinised by the Committee for grid connectivity constituted by MSETCL in which thorough consultation will be done.

The decision for the issuance of grid connectivity to the project will be taken by the Committee for grid connectivity constituted by MSETCL. It will be done as per the terms of reference and mechanism laid down for the Committee. Before issuance of grid connectivity, the committee will take review of earlier grid connectivity approvals. After review, if it is found that the progress of the project is not satisfactory, the Committee will first cancel the grid connectivity permission given to such projects. Permission / approval for new grid connectivity shall be given by MSETCL/MSEDCL as per the decision of the Committee and as per their prescribed methodology.

Commitment fee (Grid connectivity from MSETCL / MSEDCL)

1.5 The project developer will be required to deposit Rs. 1 Lakh per MW in the form of a Demand Draft as commitment fee (refundable) to MSETCL/MSEDCL for timely transmission of power from the project to the substation. The amount shall be paid in the name of Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. / Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd., as the case may be, in form of a Demand Draft payable at Mumbai.

1.6 After getting grid connectivity permission, the project developer will be required to set up the evacuation arrangement within the time limit given by MSETCL/MSEDCL. The project developer / project holders shall set up evacuation arrangement according to the technical specifications of MSETCL/MSEDCL and as per their approval and supervision. No supervision charges will be taken by MSETCL/MSEDCL for this purpose. MSETCL/MSEDCL shall refund the commitment fee (without interest) to those project developers / project holders who will complete and commission their evacuation arrangement within the given time limit.

1.7 If the evacuation arrangement is not completed or no progress is shown within the given time limit as per the methodology of MSETCL/MSEDCL, then the grid connectivity permission given to the said project will be cancelled and the commitment fee will be forfeited by MSETCL/MSEDCL.

1.8 If the evacuation arrangement for grid connectivity is not getting completed within the given time limit and if there is some progress made in respect of the evacuation arrangement; and there is a request from the project developer, a review will be taken regarding the progress made and then extension of time limit to such projects can be considered. Such a review will be taken by the Committee for grid connectivity and appropriate decision for extension will be taken by it. MSETCL/MSEDCL shall charge fee for such extension. The information about the fees prescribed by MSETCL/MSEDCL for extension of time limit will be put on the website.

1.9 It will be necessary for the project developer to install ABT meter with telecommunication facility inside the pooling station for availability based rate mechanism. Moreover, it will be mandatory to inform SLDC about the electricity generation through real time visibility RTU-DC, V-SAT.

1.10 For establishment of the evacuation arrangement and grid connectivity, the relevant MERC order/regulation will be applicable. MSETCL/MSEDCL will ensure conformity with such order / regulation.

Solar Park

1. Solar Park should include more than one solar power project. The project capacity of the individual solar power project within the solar park must be minimum 250 kW. The aggregate capacity of all the projects in the solar park should be minimum 1 MW and such solar park will be required to have common evacuation arrangement. For instance, if projects of 250 kW capacity are set up in one location aggregating 1 MW and common evacuation arrangement is also done, then such location can be termed Solar Park. Each solar power project under the solar park will be required to be registered with MEDA. The project developer shall furnish the essential documents and the prescribed fee to MEDA for registration of the solar power project.

2. Grid connectivity recommendation for solar park will be issued on submission of the documents as mentioned above at point no 1. Grid connectivity recommendation will be issued by MEDA for the total capacity of the solar park.

3. Registration of Solar Power Projects-

The solar power projects to be set up under this policy will be required to be registered with Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA). The mode / route for sale of power generated from the solar power project shall be mentioned in the application for registration. After getting grid connectivity permission from MSEDCL/MSETCL, the project developer is required to submit the following attested documents to MEDA.

a) Grid connectivity consent / permission received from MSETCL/MSEDCL
b) Documents in respect of land ownership e.g. registered sale deed and 7/12 extract; consent letter from the District Collector, if any.
c) Detailed Project Report (DPR)
d) Solvency certificate to the extent of 30% of project cost from any nationalized/scheduled bank
e) Notarized undertaking/s as prescribed by MEDA
f) The project developer who wants to develop the project in a solar park will connect the project on the basis of the grid connectivity consent / permission obtained by the solar park developer; and a joint undertaking giving details of grid connectivity consent / permission will have to be furnished to MEDA.

3.1. If the project developer / promoter wants to set up the project on government waste land, it will be necessary to furnish to MEDA a consent letter from the District Collector, to the effect that the government land will be granted for the solar power project upon registration with MEDA.

3.2 Project Registration Fee-

The project developer will be required to furnish registration fee of Rs. 50,000/- per MW in the form a Demand Draft in favour of Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA); payable at Pune.

3.3 Commitment fee -

The project developer will be required to commission the project in the prescribed period mentioned in the registration letter, that is, within eighteen months from the date of registration with MEDA. For this purpose, the project developer will have to pay Rs. 3 lakh per MW as commitment fee in the form of bank guarantee of any nationalized bank at the time of registration of the project with MEDA.

3.4 After receipt of proposal with necessary documents and the requisite fee for getting project registration from the project developer / project holder for the solar power project, the proposal will be scrutinised by MEDA office.

. Accordingly, if all necessary documents are received and the proposal is complete in all respects, the project registration will be issued to the project developer by MEDA office after approval from the Hon. Chairman, MEDA. The validity of registration shall be for eighteen months only.

4. MEDA will release the bank guarantee in respect of the commitment fee, only after receiving the commissioning certificate from MSEDCL/MSETCL to the effect that the said project is commissioned within the period of eighteen months.

4.1 If the project developer / project holder does not commission the project with in the stipulated time and does not take extention then the commitment fee deposited . in form of Bank gurarantee will be encashed by MEDA

5. If the project is not commissioned within eighteen months on account of valid and justifiable reasons and the same is intimated by the project developer before the expiry of the

period prescribed for commissioning of the project, then MEDA will examine the matter for giving extension to the project.

6. Extension Fee –

6.1 The extension to the project will be given for a maximum period of 12 months in two stages. For availing the first extension of six months, the developer shall pay Rs. 1 lakh per MW and for the extension of the next six months, the developer shall pay Rs. 2 lakhs per MW to MEDA as extension fee and such extension will be granted by MEDA office. If the project cannot get commissioned as per the extension period of 12 months, the project commitment fee shall be forfeited by MEDA.

6.2 The solar power project registered with MEDA shall be eligible to avail incentives and policy benefits under the composite new and renewable energy policy-2015. This aspect will be incorporated in the registration letter to be issued by MEDA.

7. Public Private Partnership (PPP): The project developers / project holders setting up their projects under PPP mode will be required to register their projects with MEDA. This registration will be done after the execution of project development agreement between MAHAGENCO and project developer / project holder.

8. Competitive Bidding –

The projects getting developed under the competitive bidding process will be required to be registered with MEDA. The registration will be done after the project developer/project holder is selected by the distribution licensee. The competitive bidding procedure should be as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and with the approval of MERC.

9. A separate methodology will be issued by MAHAGENCO and by the Water Resources Department, respectively, for the development of solar project under PPP mode and for canal top solar power projects.

10. The projects which are underway but are not commissioned by the date of declaration of this solar policy will be required to be registered with MEDA.

11. The project developers shall fulfil all legal and statutory requirements before and after implementing the solar power project. Further it shall be necessary for them to get approvals, consent and no-objection certificates for the project directly from the respective departments and to abide by the rules and regulations of such departments. The entire responsibility in this context will be that of the project developers. The project developers / project holders will have to submit undertaking / undertakings, as prescribed by MEDA, to this effect. MEDA will accord cooperation to the project developers / project holders in this context.

12. The solar power projects will be eligible to execute power purchase agreement or to seek open access approval or to sell energy through Renewable Energy Certificates only upon obtaining project registration from MEDA. The project registration will be granted upto the limit of the target of 7500 MW prescribed under this policy.

13. The project developer shall submit a copy of the power purchase agreement / open access approval of MSETCL/MSEDCL to MEDA office soon after it is executed / obtained by them.

14. Other fees / charges -

The project developers / project holders shall submit separate applications to MEDA in respect of any matter other than project registration, for example, change in project name / ownership, etc. MEDA will process such applications. The processing fee of Rs. 25,000/- per project shall be deposited with MEDA, in the form of a Demand Draft.

15. Commissioning of Projects -

The project developers / project holders shall submit the project commissioning certificate of the respective distribution licensee to MEDA. A note will be taken in MEDA office records of the commissioning of the project.

16. It shall be necessary for the project developers/project holders to submit yearly (financial year-wise) electricity generation report, duly certified by SLDC, to MEDA.

Annexure – F

Methodology for Industrial Waste Based Power Projects

This methodology is applicable to the industrial waste based power projects included in the composite policy for new and renewable (non-conventional energy sources) power projects dated 20th July 2015. Under this policy the organic degradable and inorganic degradable waste are included for power generation. Such power projects can be developed as per appropriate technology; and independent power generation projects can be developed. The policy prescribes a target of 200 MW in respect of industrial waste based power projects.

Grid Connectivity Recommendation –

1. The project developer is required to furnish the following documents to obtain grid connectivity for industrial based power projects from MSETCL/MSEDCL. After scrutiny, MEDA office will issue grid connectivity recommendation letter to the project developer. For this, the following documents should be submitted to MEDA office –

a) Information about the project in the application form as prescribed by MEDA. Information of respective MSETCL/MSEDCL electrical sub-station where the energy from project is going to be wheeled.

b) Single Line Diagram (SLD) of electrical sub-station, certified by the MSETCL/MSEDCL.
c) Grid connectivity feasibility report from MSEDCL/MSETCL

2. Infrastructure Clearance –

After receipt of grid connectivity consent / permission from MSETCL / MSEDCL in respect of industrial waste based power project, the project developer shall furnish the following documents, duly attested, to MEDA for obtaining infrastructure clearance –

a) Resolution of the Board of Directors for developing industrial waste based power project

b) Grid connectivity consent / permission received from MSETCL/MSEDCL

c) Detailed Project Report (DPR)

d) Documents in respect of land ownership e.g. registered sale deed and 7/12 extract

e) Notarized undertaking/s as prescribed by MEDA

3. Infrastructure Clearance fee

The project developer/project holder shall pay a sum of Rs. 1 lakh per MW (as per installed capacity) as Infrastructure Clearance fee to MEDA. The demand draft should be in the name of Maharashtra Energy Development Agency, payable at Pune.

After receipt of proposal with necessary documents and the requisite fee for getting Infrastructure Clearance from the project developer / project holder for the industrial waste based power project, the proposal will be scrutinised by MEDA office.

Accordingly if all necessary documents are received and the proposal is complete in all respects, the Infrastructure Clearance will be issued to the project developer by MEDA office after approval from the Hon. Chairman, MEDA.

In respect of the projects based on inorganic degradable waste, the project developer will execute Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the distribution licensee as per tariff declared through competitive bidding. However, if PPA cannot be executed under competitive bidding, the respective distribution licensee or the project developer can either jointly or independently approach the state electricity regulatory commission for determination of tariff or then enter into PPA. After execution of PPA the project developer shall give a copy of the same to MEDA.

The provisions above and other provisions of the methodology herein will be applicable to all the existing and proposed projects.

4. The power generated from the projects based on organic degradable waste will be sold by the project developer/project holder primarily to the distribution licensee for the fulfilment of Renewable Purchase Obligation. After fulfilment of RPO, the power can be used for captive consumption or sold to third party within and outside state. The power can also be sold by way of Renewable Energy Certificates.

5. The in-organic degradable/organic degradable waste based power projects will be eligible to execute power purchase agreement or to seek open access approval or to sell energy through Renewable Energy Certificates only upon obtaining Infrastructure Clearance from MEDA. The Infrastructure Clearance will be granted upto the limit of the target of 200 MW prescribed under this policy.

6. The project developer shall submit a copy of the power purchase agreement / open access approval of MSETCL/MSEDCL to MEDA office soon after it is executed / obtained by them.

7. The project developers shall fulfil all legal and statutory requirements before and after implementing the industrial waste based power projects. Further it shall be necessary

for them to get approvals, consent and no-objection certificates for the project directly from the respective departments and to abide by the rules and regulations of such departments. The entire responsibility in this context will be that of the project developers. The project developers / project holders will have to submit undertaking / undertakings, as prescribed by MEDA, to this effect.

8. Other fees / charges –

The project developers / project holders shall submit separate applications to MEDA in respect of any matter other than Infrastructure Clearance, for example, change in project name / ownership, etc. MEDA will process such applications. The processing fee of Rs. 25,000/- per project shall be deposited with MEDA, in the form of a Demand Draft.

9. Commissioning of Projects –

The project developers / project holders shall submit the project commissioning certificate of the respective distribution licensee to MEDA. A note will be taken in MEDA office records of the commissioning of the project.

10. It shall be necessary for the project developers/project holders to submit yearly (financial year-wise) electricity generation report, duly certified by SLDC, to MEDA.

11. Expenses on evacuation arrangement –

For the purpose of financial assistance for the evacuation arrangement the amount of the estimated cost approved by the MSETCL / MSEDCL and the certified actual expenditure from MSETCL/MSEDCL, whichever is less, shall be considered, which will be subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project.

11.1 Financial Assistance –

The project developer / project holder, who is expected to set up evacuation arrangement at own expense, will be given financial assistance by MEDA from the green cess fund, as per availability, upto a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project, by way of reimbursement. This reimbursement will be given as per availability of funds after the evacuation arrangement is handed over to the respective distribution licensee / transmission company.

12. The provisions relating to employment and social responsibility are applicable to the industrial waste based power projects under this policy. The project developer / project holder will

submit the information on action taken in this regard to the local Gram Panchayat every year (financial year). The compiled information of the district will be submitted every year to MEDA by the concerned Zilla Parishad.